

Comments from  
PJM Cities Coalition  
on  
Leadership Transition at PJM

July 24, 2019

The PJM Board of Managers  
C/O Neil Smith, Board Member  
PJM Interconnection LLC  
2750 Monroe Boulevard  
Audubon, Pennsylvania 19408

Dear PJM Board of Managers,

We are writing you today, as leaders of cities across the PJM Interconnection territory and members of the informal PJM Cities Coalition, to strongly support and encourage the consideration of clean energy policy as the Board prepares to choose a new Chief Executive Officer. The PJM Cities Coalition is a group of 18 U.S. cities dedicated to pursuing solutions to global warming and who collectively represent more than 70 million Americans. We are also joined in support by additional local governments who are not currently part of our coalition, but also view this leadership transition as an opportunity to support clean energy development.

PJM Interconnection is the RTO for much of the [Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern United States](#), whose territory includes numerous cities and counties with ambitious climate action goals. The PJM Cities Coalition formed in 2018 to work collectively to influence the regional energy system, including PJM.

The PJM Cities Coalition recognizes the leadership of outgoing CEO Andrew Ott. Under his leadership, our region's carbon emissions and electricity costs have declined while overall grid reliability has improved. As the PJM Board of Managers seeks new leadership, the Coalition strongly encourages the Board to prioritize candidates who can move PJM toward a clean energy future. Key priorities for the next CEO should include:

- Supporting and preserving policies that open markets to new zero-emission energy sources and storage;
- Ensuring organizational and governance reforms so that cities and other end users can equitably weigh in on key decisions affecting their constituencies;
- Focusing on maintaining access, transparency, and accountability in PJM operations; and
- Aligning PJM's long-term planning to be consistent with global climate science and city climate goals.

We look forward to following the Board of Managers' decision-making over the coming weeks and to launching a conversation between our cities and PJM Leadership. If you have any immediate comments or questions, please direct them to Adam Agalloco ([Adam.Agalloco@phila.gov](mailto:Adam.Agalloco@phila.gov)) at the City of Philadelphia, one of the coalition's leading cities.



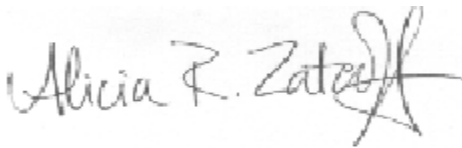
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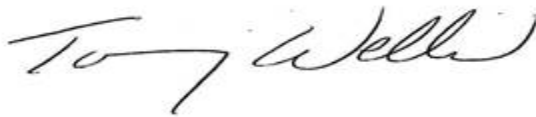
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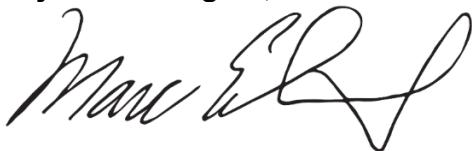
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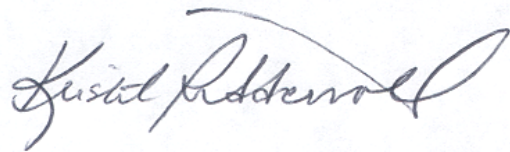
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